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ELY BROS. 56 Warren St., N. Y

Middletown .....In '56

The following descriptive letter of Middletown, it business places and business men, from a clipping from the "Commonweath" of that year, presented by Mr. D. L. Dunning, may be of interest in the way of reminiscences among the older readers of the TRANSCRIPT:

MIDDLETOWN.—A few days ago, we took a ride as far down the railroad as the above named place, which is noted in song and story for the beauty of its situation, the thrift of its citizens, and the spirit and vim of its politicans. The fact is, these latter appear to be getting quite warm in the collar, now that the nominations are approaching, and our old and respected friend, J. J., of Wd., has opened the political ball and led out a partner who appears by the name of Mechanic.

There is no more beautiful country in the world than that surrounding Middletown. It is highly cultivated, rich and populous, and her sons are hospitable, generous, and brave, and her daughters, lovely, susceptible, and chaste. At the present time the wheat is shucked up in rich and golden piles, the oats is waving in heavy masses, rank, tall and vigorous—the corn, in tall thrifty and richly green stalks, gently nodding its graceful head shaking its rich green leaves in the passing breeze.

Middletown for its extent and population is one of the most business places in the State below Wilmington. The Delaware R. Road Co. have erected here the largest depot in the State; it is 200 feet long, 40 feet wide and two stories high, capable of storing 40,000 to 60,000 bushels of grain in the second story, leaving the lower floor for frieght, which is constantly occupied. The ticket office here is fitted up in comfortable and indeed in elegant style, with a convenient and separate saloon for the ladies. The railroad does a large freighting business to and from this place in grain, cattle, produce, wood, lime and merchandize; the receipts being, we are informed, some $3,000 to $5,000 per month for frieght and passenger rates.

Mr. Miles, Ticket Agent, and Mr. Foss, Frieght Agent, at this station are first rate men; attentive, capable and polite, and they cannot be surpassed in the qualities requisite for their station home or abroad.

At the depot, Watson & Smith have just fitted up a neat and handsome Resturant, where passengers can be refreshed on the arrival of each train of cars. These same gentlemen conduct a very thrifty and lucrative business of the same character in the village.

There is at Middletown three large and handsome Churches—Presbyterian Methodist and Episcopal, all in a most flourishing condition.—About one mile north of the village, is the Forest Cemetery, laid out in a neat and handsame manner. The town contains 4 Stores and a Druggist establishment; the latter conducted by Drs. M. & W. H. Barr, the latter of whom being the most prominent Physician, has a most extensive and lucrative pratice throughout the surrounding country. The merchandizing business is conducted extensive by the following gentleman;—M. E. Walker, R. H. Watkins, Tatman & Lockwood, and J. A. Eliason, all of whom do a large and paying business, especially the latter, who sells, we are informed, $40,000 worth of goods per annum, which is a large amount for a village of this size. The other merchants also, do a corresponding business, but we are not advised as to the amont.

Messrs. J. M. Cox & Brother carry on in an extensive manner, the Coach making business, turning out some twelve vehicles per week, which for beauty and style of finish, and material are not surpassed by the first establishments in our larger cities.

Smith & Culbertson conduct a large Wheelwrighting, Blacksmithing and Horsesboeing business and are extinsively patronized by the inhabitants of the town and vicinity, and they are industrions, energetic and enterprising men.

Leatherbury, Buck & Co., have a large Iron Foundry, principally devoted to manufacturing Plow Castings, which they turn out in great quantities. They also conduct a large Wheelwrighting and Blacksmithing business in connection with their Foundry.

A. R. Pennington carries on in the most extensive manner, Wheelwrighting, Blacksmithing, Foundry and Machine making business—manufactures all kinds of Agricultural Implements, and has the largest establishment in the State below Wilmington.

Joseph Earnest carries on quite exsively, the Boot and Shoe business, and he is entirely one of the greatest Shoemakers and speakers in the county,

Andrew Hushabeck, also drives a heavy business in the Boot and Shoe business, assisted by Hiram Deal, who are enterprising and industrious men.

Jesse Lake deals in Lime, Wool, Coal, Grain, and speculation in Real Estate, and does a first rate business.

Miss Susan DeLancy has a very handsome and neat Variety and Trimming store, and keeps a large stock of articles in that line.

Mrs. Riley also gives attention to the same kind of a store, and also carries on the Millinery business as also does Miss Martha Humphreys.

Miss Amelia Streets conducts a very large Fashionable Dressmaking business, and gives constant employment to several assistants.

Nimrod French and David Maxwell, carry on the Carpentering business, and build when times are brisk, a large number of buildings.

Thomas McIntyre is an Architect, Model maker and Patentee, and a very ingenious and skillful workman.

George W. Wilson, Undertaker and Cabinet maker, does a flourishing and lucrative business.

Charles E Anderson, Painter, Trimmer and Harness maker, has an extensive business going on in his line, and is enterprising and thrifty.

Phillip P. Riley. Thomas E. Hurn and Foster Boone, are extensively engaged in the Clothing and Tailoring

James Tatman is one of the most extensive Cattle Dealers in the State, sends large numbers of Beeves to the city, and supplies the country round Middletown for miles, with meat of various kinds. He also keeps a Livery Stable and does a very lucrative and flourishing business.

Dr. John Merritt has quite a large pratice, and is the leading Democrat of that section of country.

A. Peterson Reading, Esq., is the Justice of the Peace. He is one of the oldest and leading citizens of the place, and makes a first rate officer.

Charle Foster is the Postmaster—solid, jolly, and fond of a joke.

Henry Foster keeps a neat and convenient Ice Cream Saloon and Fancy Toy shop, and drives a thrifty business.

George Floyd, with his son, Samuel Floyd, pursues the Stone-mason and Bricklaying business, and take contract home and abroad, and do their work in an artistic manner.

The Middletown Academy, situated on the northern edge of the village, is under the charge of J. B. McDowell and is in a highly, flourishing and prosperous condition, having a large number of students in its walls at this time. Besides the Academy, there are two Common Schools in neat and convenient houses, and a Select School for young girls and the smaller boys conducted by Miss Rachell Maxwell, which, is also very flourishing.

The Middletown Hotel, by J. C. Lippincott, is one of the best appointed and conducted houses to be found in city or country. It is neat, clean, quiet and homelike, and everybody who stops there always speak in the highest terms of it. Its gentlemanly proprietor is polite and attentive, and makes his guests always feel at home.

Isaac Jones and Levi Ryan, carry on extensively by Well Digging and Pump Making business which extends all over the surrounding country, and into the upper counties on the eastern shore of Maryland.

Mrs. Lydia Ryan conducts a lucrative business in the Toy, Fruit and Fancy line of articles.

There is a large Bread and Cake Bakery also here, but the name is such a Dutch one that we cannot get our pen around it.

John Sieber carries on a brisk business in Tin, Sheet Iron and Stove line, and drives a prosperioustrades.

Messrs. Holland & Forkum are the crack Post and Rail Fence builders in these parts.

"I have never had a day's sickness in my life," said a middle-aged man the other day.

"What a comfort it would be," sighs some poor invalid, "to be in his place for a year or two." Yet half of the invalids we see might be just as healthy as he, if they would only take proper care of themselves, eat proper food—and digest it.

It's so strange that such simple things are overlooked by those who want health.

Food makes health.

It makes strength—and strength wards off sickness. The man who had never been sick was strong because he always digested his food, and you could become the same by helping your stomach to work as well as his.

It will make you strong and healthy by making the food you eat make you fat.

Druggists sell it. Trial bottle 10 cents.

Maud—"I like Georgie Richers to call on me."

May—"I don't."

Maud—"Of course not, dear. You'd rather have him call on you."

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Chenney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. Chenney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c.

"Well, of all the impudence! Asking me to help you because you have three wives to support!"

"They don't belong to me, mister; nothin' of the sort. They belong to me sons-in-law."

The poets sing of a fountain whose waters
bring back lost youth,
But no one has ever found it. Still there's a germ of truth
In the dreamers' fable of fancy, for there exists to-day
A draught that banishes sorrow and drives despair away

From women whose lives have become a burden, on account of disease to which women alone are subject, The well-known "Favorite Prescription" prepared by Dr. Pierce may not be able to bring back youth when it has flown, but it will restose lost health, and that will bring happiness, and so the draught is as magical in its effect as the fountain of youth was fabled to be.

MRS. CATHARRINE E. NICELY, of Andy, Wetzel Co., W. Va., writes: "After taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, I find I am entirely cured of 'female complaint.' I return my most sincere thanks to Dr. Pierce for my cure."

Washington .....Letter

SECRETARY Olney, the only member of the Cleveland Cabinet who possesses the slighest bit of individuality, is reported to be about to resign because of what Mr. Cleveland said about the statement given out by him, defining the attitude of the administration towards Cuba and saying in effect that no notice would be taken of the concurrent resolutions adopted by Congress declaring that the belligerency of the Cubans should be recognized, and that the United States should intervene, if necessary to put an end to the war. Mr. Cleveland did not deny the correctness of the statement, but wrote with his own hand: "I am in no way responsible for it, nor in any way related to it." Now, although Secretary Onley's name was not signed to that statement and did not occur therein, it is well known to a number of persons that it was written by him; also that it correctly represented the attitude of the administration, as shown in Cabinet discussions of the matter. His connection with the statement being so well known, it is not expected that Secretary Olney is going to pocket such a snub; hence his resignation is predicted.

If the Senate agrees with the House, pensioners will no longer be paid in person by pension agents, but will have their checks mailed to them, the latter body having agreed to the change without a division.

There is no doubt about where Senator Cannon, of Utah, stands on the Cuban question. In the course of a few remarks made by him at the installation of Officers of the Department of the Potomac G. A. R., he said: "Every American citizen holds in his hand some portion of the rights and liberties of the people of this world. We should so conserve our powers and so use them that when America shall say 'Cuba thou art free,' she shall be free. That time will come, speed it Almighty God, when the people of the United States, free themselves, shall make the world free also.

Senator Cullom, of Ill., says he is in the field for the Republican nomination for President and expects to remain there until the St. Louis convention names the candidate, regardless of the instructions for McKinley in some of the Illinois districts. Mr. Cullom says he could have had quite a number of delegates instructed for him, but that he has from the first opposed instructing the delegates for anybody, believing that an uninstructed delegation would wield more influence in the National Convention.

A member of the Huntington Pacific Railroads lobby is credited with having said that Huntington now has things, meaning Congressmen, in such shape that he is certain of preventing legislation that would result in a foreclosure sale of the roads by the U. S. Government, and hopeful of getting his own pet measure, extending the indebtedness for 100 years at 2 per cent. through. So many propositions are being advanced for the settlement of the indebtness of those roads to the government that it is impossible for any man to say what will eventually be done, but unless many Senators and Representatives vote very differently from the way in which they now talk there isn't much show for Huntington's bill. Huntington's manifest intention to confuse instead of enlighten the Senate Committee, in the hearings which have been given him, has injured his bill in the eyes of a number in both Senate and House who might have been won to its support. These men think that he has shown that he deserves no favors from the government.

A strong effort is being made by administration Democrats to get the Carlisle boom on the road. It has been O. K. 'd by Wall Street and Mr. Cleveland is said to be agreeable. Still it doesn't go. Sec'y Carlisle was once popular whith his Democratic colleagues in Congress, but he isn't now. The silver Democrats don't want him, because they accuse him of being a renegade, and anti-silver element in the Senate, composed of such Democrats as Gorman, Brice, Hill and Smith, will not move a finger to help him, because they regard him as merely a Cleveland dummy. In Fact, neither Brice nor Gorman are taking the slightest interest in the Democratic nomination for President. They both regard the case as so hopeless that they have declined even to take the trouble to attend the Chicago convention.

The friends of Gov. McKinley in Congress indignantly deny the report scattered broad cast by his enemies that manufacturers are being solicited to contribute to a fund to be used to to bring about his nomination. They say that he has no barrel, and no need for one, and that they daily grow more confident that his great personal popularity will result in his nomination.

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AT THE ART GALLERY.

Dramatis Personae: Miss Edith Van Brugh, a social favorite of several years' standing, and Mr. Howland De Remsen, whom she has rejected five years previously.

Place: The Art Galleries of the Impressionists.

Time: Afternoon of a day in early summer.

Miss Van Brugh is studying a landscape in which "purple cows" cavort against an orange-colored sky upon a malarially green marsh. She is interrupted by Mr. De Remsen.

Mr. De Remsen—Do my eyes deceive me? Miss Van Brugh, after all these years!

Edith (shaking hands quietly)—No: your monocle has not misled you nor your memory failed. How do you do?

Howland—Very happily, now that I have met you! You are entirely unchanged.

Edith—It is small compliment to a woman to tell her that five years have brought her no new graces.

Howland—Ah, the years are like usurers. They lend charms recklessly until we become of age. After that they begin exacting returns of the loans. That they have refrained from calling in any of their notes is the highest compliment they could pay you.

Edith (critically)—Very clever, but a little to far fetched. When a man studies his compliments instead of the woman to whom he pays them, her complexion is beginning to fall off.

Howland—Sceptical and critical, as you always were of my poor efforts. Well—how have you been these five years?

Edith—It is really my feminine prerogative to change the subject, but we'll let that pass. I have been well and mainly in Algiers. We have wintered there, you know, because of Philip. He grows no stronger."

Howland—Poor little chap! How devoted you and your mother are to him! You always were though, Edith.

Edith—Devotion has always led us into pleasant paths. The Algerian colony is amusing and so are the Arabs. But where have you been?

Howland—Oh, all over. Mainly in Norway. I like it there and it is not an outworn place for the would-be novelist.

Edith—I like your last book very much. What was it you called it? "The Rose of the Northland?"

Howland—Yes, You recognized the heroine?

Edith—No. I saw you had a somewhat complex, cosmopolitan woman masquerading in Norwegian peasant dress, I confess I didn't recognize her. Your impossibly constant hero I recognized immediately, however.

Howland—For whom did you take him?

Edith—For your idealization of yourself.

Howland—A thousand thanks! You must then have guessed who alone could play heroine to my hero?

Edith—I shall use my feminine prerogative and change the subject. What do you think of this picture?

Howland—it is a masculine prerogative not to be led, even in silken cords, I decline to have the subject changed. You guessed who my heroine was, despite her Norwegian dress and her blue eyes—when yours are hazel?

Edith—If you choose to exert you privilege of sex and be rude I can do nothing. I did not recognize myself. The blue eyes deceived me, probably. Now what do you think of this picture?

Howland—You are absolutely unchanged! As provoking—and as alluring—as ever! I think the picture is a daub, and a hideous one.

Edith—Really! Why? I see numerous good points in it.

Howland—Good points? So has a tinned tomato label.

Edith—You think they belong to the same school—the label and this?

Howland—I do! The cows are drawn like anything from cats to camels and colored like beet salad. The—sky shall we call it?—is unutterably weird, and the grass is so livid that it produces typhoid fever to look at it. What is the thing anyway? You have a catalogue, have you not?

Edith—Yes. It is ascribed—let me see. Number 224. Ah! here it is: "An Afternoon in Algiers by Edith Van brugh." It is a little lurid that's true.

Howland—Edith! For heaven's sake forgive the ravings of an anti-impressionist. Had I known—But you didn't paint when I knew you. How could I guess? Forgive me. I wouldn't have said it.

Edith—Don't bother. You're probably right.

Howland—You know—"The Rose of the Northland" must have told you—that my dream is what it was five years ago. I would not have said any thing to wound you for worlds. I have too much at stake.

Edith—What have you at stake?

Howland—Your favor. I want it. I want your love—as I did when you sent me away. Will you overlook my abominable break, and—Edith, could you not care?

Edith (slowly)—If I should decline again your tempting proposal I fear you'd think I did it out of pique. So I think—I'll accept.

Howland—Edith! Edith!

Edith—And really, dear, you'd better buy a catalogue. They're only a quarter each and several of your friends have daubs here. You can't make the amende honorable to them all by proprosing, you know.

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Hood's Pills for the liver and bowels, act promptly, easily and effectively.

TRAPPING IN WISCONSIN.

What the Hardy Woodsmen Have to Say About the Wolves.

American trappers said that the gray wolves of upper Wisconsin were the largest of the United States. They drove the deer a great deal. A pack of seven wolves had twice crossed their lines, and they had poison out for them. Wolves swept across a great deal of country—30, 40, 50 miles or more—and did not remain local. The lynx usually came around again in about seven days, and the wolves once in two or three weeks, though not so regular as the lynx. The otter also traveled a great deal, but was irregular. It would sometimes leave the water courses and travel miles across dry divides to entirely new country. The best place to trap marten was along the high ridges between waterways, and that was best also for the fisher, according to Forest and Stream. They quite often caught fisher, but never had a wolverene.

American trappers rated the fox the hardest animal to trap, the wolf next and the otter third. To catch a fox they often made a bed of chaff and got him to lying in it or fooling around it, the trap being set under the chaff. Or a trap was set at a place where several foxes seemed to stop for a certain purpose. Or a fox could be caught sometimes by putting a bait a little way out in the water, and then putting a pad of moss between the bait and the shore, with a trap hid under the moss. The fox, not liking to wet his feet, would step on the moss and be caught.

For wolves the usual way was to put out poison (strychnine). Often they would not touch the poisoned meat.

For otter it was necessary to use great care, not leaving any chips or litter around. Our trappers usually caught them either on a slide or at a place where they came out of the water (not where they went in, as the otter slides with his feet doubled under and would be apt to spring the trap with his body). It was a good way to drop a limb or stick on the side of the slide, cutting it down and letting it fall naturally, so that the otter could not so easily escape the trap. The trap should never be set in the middle of the slide, but at one side, as the otter's feet are so wide apart, and he would not be caught should he spring the trap with his body.

For otter and beaver, if they were trapped near deep water, a sliding pole was usually used, arranged with the small end stuck down into the deep water. The animal when trapped plunges into the water, and the ring of the trap chain slips down along the pole. The little stubs of the trimmed off boughs prevent the ring from slipping back up again, and the animal is drowned. An otter should not be left in the water over nine days or the fur will slip. A few days make no difference. All traps should be visited about once in six to eight days.

The Youth

age made prematurely aged by diseases (alas, how prevalent!) which make them pale, listless, low spirited, morose or irritable in temper, easily tired, forgetful and incapable; fill mad-houses and swell the lists of suicides; separate husbands and wives; bring untold suffering to millions, even to third and fourth generation. A complete and scientific treatise on these ailments, their symptoms, nature and proper management, prepared by those who have had a vast and successful experience in their treatment and cure! will be mailed, secure from observation in a plain sealed envelope, to any one sending enclosed with this notice ten cents for postage, to World's Dispensary Medical Association, 663 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 6.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We shall begin this week sending out, for the second time, subscription bills, and as soon as it is convenient we trust our subscribers will remit the amounts due. A dollar a year is a small matter but a hundred annual subscriptions means a hundred dollars. Several hundred means several hundred dollars. We should like to have a subscription list with no arrearages over a year. Such subscribers are the most appreciation readers, and advertisers like them best.

The label on your paper should show the date to which it is paid. If there is any mistake we wish to correct it, and having adopted a system of checking subscriptions we believe we can guarantee against errors in the future. Let the TRANSCRIPT hear from you.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAR. 14, 1896

Local News.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and agricultural Implements on hand.

—The names of Walter Green and Sybilla Jones, Department No. 1, should have appeared in the Roll of Honor, printed last week:

—Mrs. Crossland on East Mainstreet gave a surprise party on Monday evening in honor of son to a number of young friends who enjoyed themselves.

PUBLIC SALE,—Mrs. H. Appleton will dispose of her entire household goods on Wednesday afternoon, March 18. 1 o'clock P. M at her residence on Cass street.

—Parties having rooms to rent suitable for the use of the Y. M. C. A. should report at once to the editor of the TRANSCRIPT, stating dimensions of rooms and terms.

—The *Cecil Democrat* on Saturday stated that Mr. Edwin Prettyman has rented the Maxwell Hotel in this town. This is a mistake. There is no Maxwell Hotel nor has Mr. Prettyman rented.

—Messrs. Bragdon & Co., neigbors to the TRANSCRIPT, have presented the Alligators recently exhibited at the Broad St. Pharmacy to the Zoological Society of Philadelphia at Fairmount Park.

—The second in their series of sociables was given by the Christian Endeavor Society last evening at the residence of Mrs. G. W. W. Naudain, with a program that promised pleasure and profit.

—Middletown of forty years ago is described on our first page to-day. It was then noted for the "vim of its politicians." It is probable those politicians are not active now but the vim still remains—a some thing in the air as it were.

—Miss Ethell Eleaine Pitt gave a very pleasant Taffy Pulling at her home on Cass street, in honor of Miss Mary Agusta Dunning, of Philadelphia, last week. Those present were: Misses Anna Louise Reynolds, Mabelle S. Derrickson, Maria Hepbron Nowland, Helen Price, Mary Agusta Dunning, Mary Maxwell, Dora L. Culbertson, Berenice Metten.

—In the death of Mr. James Bradford, which occurred at his home in Wilmington last Saturday morning, New Castle county lost a valued citizen. Because of ill health Mr. Bradford has been out of active business for some years, he was 75 years old. He was prominent for years in business and social circles, and leaves a large number of friends outside his immediate family to mourn his death.

—The electric lights will be cut off at 11:30 Sunday night for the purpose of making some repairs, and the young man who is usually out beyond that hour will have to be excused by his sweetheart a little earlier or they will find the parlor in darkness and the streets with only the lights the aloriginee used to find his pathway home. Lightsat the usual hour again Monday evening.

—Mrs. Samuel Pennington gave a Surprise Party to her sister, Mrs. Anna Pennington, on Thursday evening, at her residence, corner Broad and Main streets. There were present, the Misses Beasten, Misses Mary Pleasanton, Martha C. Heaton, and Mary Holten; Mr. W. G. Lockwood, Mr. Walter Beaston, Dr. C. A. Ritchie, and Mr. Killpatrick. Refreshments of cream, fruit and cake were served at 11 o'clock.

—Mrs. Eliza Green gave an evening company in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Poole at her residence on East Main street, Thursday evening. Besides the bride and groom there were present Mrs. Ella Cochran, Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran, Dr. and Mrs. I. S. Vallandigham, Miss Jennie Lowber of Newark, Misses Mary Poole, Edith Reynolds, Bessie Foard, Mabel Parvis, and Edith Derrickson; Dr. J. C. Stites, Dr. C. H. Green, of Newark, Mr. Frank R. Poole and Mr. Wm. Brady.

—The *New Era* last week announced that Mr. Alex Maxwell, late proprietor of the National Hotel, had purchased the Merritt House, Wilmington, and Mr. Edwin Prettyman had rented the "Maxwell house," meaning "residence." One of the Elkton papers made a notice that Mr. Prettyman had rented the "Maxwell Hotel," there being no such house, and the item has started the rounds of the Peninsula papers, Mr. Prettyman being well known. He has applications from house keepers, &c, but proposes to continue in the shoe business if the newspapers are just as willing. Mr. Maxwell has not concluded the purchase of the Merritt Hotel, the delay being now over an indemnity bond, from Mrs. Merritt. Mr. Prettyman will take Mr. Maxwell's residence if he moves.

—The first Auction Sale of French Trotting Bred Horses by Messrs. J. J. Ross & Son will take place at their stock farm, Seaford, Del., Tuesday, March 24th. They will sell some excellent roadsters. Sale will begin at 11 o'clock a. m. Catalogues will be furnished upon application to J. J. Ross & Son, Seaford, Del., giving full description and pedigrees. If rainy next fair day.

HYMENEAL

DICKINSON—WHITE.

The marriage of Mr. George Dickinson to Miss Frances White was celebrated in a pretty wedding at their new home on Lake street, Thursday evening at eight o'clock. Rev. I. Wood performed the ceremony which was witnessed by a company of abon hirty friends, and relatives of the contract ng parties. The bride wore a steel colored wedding gown, with blue brocade, ribbon and lace trimmings. After receiving the congratulations and good wishes of their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson lead the way to the dining room, where refreshments were served. The gifts were very pretty, both useful and ornamental. The TRANSCRIPT unites with the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a long and happy life together.

PORTER—TRUITT.

Miss Ella B. Truitt, of Girdletree, Md. was married to Mr. George Porter, of Red Lion, at the residence of Mrs: Annie Morrison, on Crawford street, at 12 o'clock Thursday, March 12, 1896, Rev. I. L. Wood performed the ceremony.

CHURCH CHIMES.

At the adjourned meeting of the Sunday School Board of the M. E. Church on Friday evening of last week the following officers were elected: Superintendent, A. G. Cox; Assistant Superintendent, M. B. Burris; Secretary, W. S. Letherbury; Assistant Secretary, S. E. Massey; Treasurer, Joseph C. Parker; Librarian, Harry Jones; Assistant Librarian. H. S. Johnson; Chorister, Mrs. M. H. Price; Superintendent Primary Department, Mrs. V. W. Massey; Assistant Superintendent Primary Department, Miss Annie Freeman; Organist Primary Department Miss Lottie Jones.

The Rev. Geo. S. Gassner preached at St. Anne's Church last Wednesday evening. The weather was very inclement but the few who ventured listened to a most excellent and helpful sermon on "Self Control." Last evening the Rector preached on the "Excuses which men make for not confessing Christ." On Wednesday evening next Bishop Coleman is expected to preach.

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Anne's Parish Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held yesterday afternoon. The ladies are engaged dnring Lent in preparing a box for a missionary in Illinois.

The Y. P. S. C. E of Forest Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday evening 6.45 in the Lecture room. Topic for Sunday evening March 15th, "Keeping our pledge in spirit and in letter." Meeting to be led by Mrs. McCrone. Everybody welcome.

Young Men's Christian Association.

In pursuance of the idea advocated in the TRANSCRIPT last week by a communication and locally for the organization of a Young Men's Christian Association in Middletown, a meeting of those interested was called on Monday evening in the lecture room of the M. E. Church. Rev. I. L. Wood stated the object of the meeting, and Mr. J. Frank McWhorter was called to preside as temporary chairman, Dr. C. A. Ritchie was made temporary secretary First those present were invited to express their willingness to form such an organization by giving their names, and thirty-two persons gave their names.

In furtherance of the plain the following committees were appointed: On Subscriptions, J. C. Kelley, W. G. Lockwood, and J C. Parker; on Rooms, McKendree Downham; on Constitution and By-laws, Dr. J. C. Stites, Alfred Chamberlain, and Harry Johnson; on Members, G. W. W. Naudain, S. A. Pitt, and Merritt N. Willits. The meeting adjourned to Monday night next in the Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock, where all in sympathy with the movement will receive a cordial welcome.

Quarterly Conference.

The Quarterly Conference of a charge or church is its officials—trustees, stewards, class leaders, and Sunday-school superintendent who with the local preachers, the pastor and the elder, constitute the conference. The "Fourth" for the year for Bethesda Church was held on Monday when the finances of the year were sommed up and matters were put in shape for the Annual Conference which commences at Dover on Wednesday next.

It is understood that Mr. Wood will return as pastor, this being his first year and the official board and membership desire his return. Of course he may be removed by the Bishop and so might every elder and pastor in the Conference but such is not within the range of possibility. There are rumors that Bishop Warren will make some radical changes and especially in reference to the Presiding Elders, and the quarterly Conference on Monday passed resolutions endosing Presiding Elder Smith's administration and asking for his return to the District to complete the full term of six years.

The church here was never stronger numerically and its finances are in excellent shape. Nearly the whole of the subscriptions for repairs and old indebtness have been paid, and at the begining of the next Conference year the church will have a clear financial start. The Sunday-school will make an effort to morrow to pay off its debt which has been standing for some time, and then all will be put on a cash basis.

The Quarterly Conference elected Mr. G. E. Hukill as lay delegate to the Lay Conference with M. B. Burris, Esq., as alternate.

The third Official Dining was given on Monday at 4.30 by M. B. Burris, Esq., the system having been inaugurated by Mr. A. G. Cox and seconded a year ago by Mr. William Taylor. There were twenty covers laid and the guests discussed the excellent menu set before them by Mrs. Burris in a session an hour and three quarters. There were present. Presiding Elder Smith, Pastor Wood, Rev. J. B. Roberts, Messrs. Thomas Cavender, A. G. Cox, G. E. Hukill, J. W. Jolls, N. Burris, J. C. Parker, William Taylor, William Brockson, J. H. Emerson, James Jarrell, Louis Fennimore, John P. Wilson, W. H. Moore, Dr. R. B. Mckee, also Hugh C. Browne, Esq., Dr. H. Vaughan, and M. B. Burris, Esq.,

Reception.

Miss Mabel Parvis at the residence of her mother on West Main street entertained at tea last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Browne, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Poole, of McDonough; and Dr. J. C. Stites, giving a reception in honor of her bride guests in the evening, when coffee, chocolate, cake, etc. were served. There were present, Mrs. Ella Cochran, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris, Mr. and Mrs. George Janvier, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown, Misses Mabel Taylor, Edith Reynolds, Bessie Anderson, Bessie Reynolds, Bessie and Adda Foard; Frank Biggs, Esqr: Messrs. Wm. F. Metten, McKendree Downham, Frank Poole, John C. Kelley, Reece Parker, William Brady, and Gray Taylor.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. Leo, Evans spent Sunday last in the Quarker City.

—Mrs. M. B. Burris spent several days this week in Kenton.

—Miss Helen Naudain is has been visiting friendsin Wilmington.

—Mr. John Taylor, of Chester, Pa., is the guest of Mr. John Ash.

—Miss Bessie Crouch is visiting friends in the City of Brotherly Love.

—Mrs, McCabe, of Elkton, has been visiting Mrs. Thos. H. Gilpin this week.

—Mrs. Henrietta Parvis has been visiting friends in Bridgeville this week.

—Dr .T. H. Gilpin has been confined to the house this week with a severe cold.

—Misses Anna Cox and Eliza Hurn are visiting friends in Wilmington this week.

—Mr. Kilpatrick, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. Walter Beasten on Thursday.

—Mr. Robert B. Jones, of the Quaker City, has been visiting his parents this week.

—Miss Mary Ellison, of Chesapeake City, Md., is the guest of Mrs. Henry Clayton on Cass street.

—Mrs. Henry Woodkeeper, of Taylor's Bridge, spent this week with her sister, Miss Fannie Staats.

—Miss Mary E. White, of Dover, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Dickinson, on Lake street.

—Mr. Marion Wood, of Centreville, Md., was the guest of his brother at the M. E. Parsonage last Sunday.

—Mrs Edward H. Jacobson, of Bethlehem, Pa., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hannah Appleton, on Cass street.

—The Rev. W. J. Wilkie visited Newark last Tuesday and preached there in the evening at St. Thomas' Church.

—The friends of Mrs. Anna Griffith will be glad to learn that her health has improved since she went to Philadelphia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Nowland, of Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, have been visiting this week his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Nowland.

—Mr. Samuel Reynolds has been suffering from a protracted attack of neuralgia that has kept him within the house for ten days past.

—Mrs. Anna Miller, of Greenville, Ohio, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Eliza Massey, in Chestertown, Md., is the guest of Mrs. V. W. Massey.

—Mrs. Clara Jones represented the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Middletown M. E. Church at the annual meeting in Grace Church, Wilmington, on Thursday.

—Mrs. Wm. Taylor, and Mrs. J. W Barnett, and Mrs. Theodore Armstrong returned Thursday from a visit of several days with Mrs. H. C. Jones of Bridgeville.

—Rev. W. C. Alexander, a former pastor of Forest Presbyterian Church, was in town yesterday, in attendance upon the funeral of his former parishioner, Miss Sadie Howell.

—Mr. Robert, D. Hoffecker, editor of the Smyrna *Times*, was in town on Monday attending the funeral of his cousin, Mr. Henry H. Appleton, and called at the TRANSCRIPT office.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

The Blue Book of 1826 which the TRANSCRIPT reviewed in part last week was the property of Major John Jones, who was well known by all the older residents of this community. The book names all the postmasters in the county, giving the salary received. The officers are namedalphabetically but not classified by States. The list takes up about three-fifth of the book showing the post-masters then to be in the majority as office holders.

John [MLean]was Postmaster General at a salary of $4000. He had two assistant both named Bradley and both from Connecticut, probably brothers, as it is likely the family fever of holding office began early in the history of the government. There may be found to-day in the Departments at Washington, grandmother, mother daughter and grandaughter; grandfather, father, son, and grandson; husband, wife, son, daughter and mother-in-law. There is no limit to the family groupings. Besides the two Assistants Postmaster General there were twenty-nine, employes, of which Maryland had eight and Virginia four, about the proportions they still maintain in the Departments.

Thomas Harvey was postmaster of Middletown, salary $72.44. He was a Maryland man. There were then thirteen Middletowns in the country. The other post offices and postmasters in the State were—Bridge Branch, John Register, $5,09; Camden, Thomas Wainwright, $69.77; Canterbury, George Gildersleve, $10.95; Cantwell's Bridge, Charles Tatmon, $72.41; Christiana, Geo. Prat, $105.90; Concord, Thomas Adams, $21.16; Cooch's, Bridge Wm. Cooch, Jr., $32.15; Dagsboro, Stephen Hill, $16.47; Dover, Patrick Connelly, $172.24; Frederica, Jonathan Emerson, $29.30; Georgetown, Philip Short, $65.15; Laurel, J. W. Copes, $38.59; Lewistown, Henry F. Rodney, $19.77; Milford, Samuel Wise, $94.08; Millsboro, W. D. Waples, $33.73; Milton, Asa Hanes, $36.46; Newark, Thomas Bennison, $89.87; New Castle, Hugh W. Ritchie, $229.63; Newport, John Dixon, $43.79; St. Georges, James N. Sutton, $130.53; Smyrna, Jacob Pennigton, $177.13; Vernon, Isaac Graham, $3.73; Whiteleysburg Caleb Lockwood, $5.33; Wilmington, N. G. Williamson, $1234.30.

If none have been overlooked in picking out the Delaware offices form the listof 5182 in the United States on January 1, 1825, there were then only twenty-five offices in the state, against 65 in New Castle, 42 in Kent and 61 in Sussex, or a total of 168 in at the present time, more than six times the number. Odessa was not then so called and Delaware City, Seaford and other large towns are not in the list. Townsend, Clayton, Wyoming, Felton, Harrington, Bridgeville, &c, came up with the railroad, of course. In those days the stage coach was the public conveyance and the postoffice traveled around the country in the hat of the postmaster. That was seventy years ago and is reported from hearsay testimony not from personal knowledge.

A Pleasant Surprise Party.

Miss Louise Reynolds gave a very pleasant surprise party on Friday evening last at the home of Miss Mable Derrickson, of Bohemia Manor, in honor of Miss Mary A. Dunning, of Philadelphia. The party left Middletown at seven o'clock in a large covered wagon, and arriving at Derrickson's, succeeded in completely surprising Miss Mable. Refreshments of cake, cream, and cocoa were served at a late hour. Those present were: Misses Ethelle E. Pitt, A. Louise Reynolds, Maria H. Nowland, Dora L. Culbertson, Mable E. Derrickson, Mary H. Maxwell, Berenice D. Metten, and Mary Agusta Dunning; Messrs. Horace Harman, Harry Budd, Harry Howell, Louis Naudain, John K. Parvis, Allan McDowell Fred. Crouch, Norman Crouch, of Middletown, and Norman McMullin, of St. Georges.

—Try a can of Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Hulled Corn). It is delicious. Full qt., 10c.

NECROLOGY.

HENRY HOFFECKER APPLETON.

This community was startled by the announcement of the death of Mr. Henry H. Appleton at his residence on Cass street on Friday evening at about 8.30 o'clock. But few knew he was seriously ill. Mr. Appleton has been in poor health for several years and some months ago suffered from a stroke of paralysis which affected one side but left his mind as bright and active as it ever was. He took cold and it devoloped into pneumonia which he was not strong enough to combat.

Mr. Appleton was born near Odessa on January 14, 1829, and he has resided in this community all his life, having the respect and esteem of all who have known him. During his early life, when he had good health, he was extensively engaged in farming, being a large grower of peaches, and he has been considered an authority on peach culture. He was educated at Pennigton Seminary, being blessed with a clear mind and a remarkable memory. He was a close reasoner and his friends often sought his advice. He was always kind and gentle, thoughtful of the comfort of others, and fond of the quietude of the home fireside where his good qualities shone to the best advantage.

In politics he was originally a Whig and then a Republican of firm convictions. He was a very liberal man, however, believing that could conscientiously differ from him. In the early '60s he served in the General Assembly, the father of Senator Higgins being a member at the same time. He never sought office, having no taste for the work of the politician that leads to office. He was the close friend and the campanion of Hon. N. B. Smithers in his political tours through the State. Mr. Smithers valued his advice, political and otherwise, and they often discussed the plans that Mr. Smithers later has a leader in his party put into effect. In religion Mr. Appleton was a Methodist. He was a member of the Church of that denomination in town, and appreciated and enjoyed its services.

He married Hannah Crist, daughter of Matthew Crist, a prominent citizen of Bethlehem, Pa. Their home was blessed with five children, three of whom survive—Mrs Alonzo Whittock, of Odessa; Mrs. Robert C. Whittock, of New Castle; and Miss Belle Appleton who is at home with her mother. Their freinds sympathize with them in there loss, a husband and a father taken from them. They have received many letters of sympathy and among them the following from Chief Justice Lore, the childhood and life-long friend of Mr. Appleton:

WILMINGTON, DEL., Mar. 9, 1896.

MY DEAR MRS. APPLETON;—Permit me to express my deep sympathy in the loss you have sustained in the death of your husband. He was so bright and happy here in jury work that we were planning to have him with us again. The suddeness of the blow was startling and I could hardly believe it true. His company was to me always exceedingly pleasing. Possessed of a fund of information quite unusual, happy at the use of language, and clear in the expression of his ideas, it was a treat to converse with him on any and all topics of merit. His death takes another of the links of my childhood friends, makes me feel very keenly my loss.

SINCERELY YOURS
CHAS. B. LORE.

The pastors of the three Churches in town officiated at his funeral services, which took place on Monday, and were without formal addresses by request of the deceased, who hadselected the three hymns—Rock of Ages, Abide with me, and Lead kindly light—which were sung by Miss Alice Wood, Mrs. Bragdon, Mr. Harry Budd and Mr. J. B. Maxwell. Quite a number of friends attended from a distance. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Edmund H. Jackson of Bethleman, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hoffecker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hoffecker, and Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Hall, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Postler, Honorable John H. Hoffecker and and Mr. Robt. D. Hoffecker, of Smyrna, J. H. Hoffecker, Esq., F. H. Hoffecker, Esq., of Wilmington. The pall bearers were G. E. Hukill, Thomas E. Hurn, George Echenhofor. Merritt Willits, George D. Kelley, and Dr. T. H. Gilpin. Interment was had at Odessa.

MISS SADIE A. HOWELL.

Who has been a sufferer from lung trouble for some years, died at her residence on West Main Street on Tuesday afternoon, aged 53 years. Miss Howell was the sister of Mr. Charles H. Howell, Mrs. R. B. McKee and Mrs. Richard Lockwood, all of this town, and has spent her life among the people of Middletown who have known her as a true Christian woman, kind and thoughtful of all, a devoted worker in the church of her choice, Forest Presbyterian, so long as health permitted. She was superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday-school until two years ago, and was one of three or four earnest workers who organized the school at Armstrong's resulting in the building of the Chapel there. Many friends mourn her death. The funeral services took place yesterday afternoon, interment at Forest Cemetery.

JOHN WHITLOCK.

Death is marking its victims in Middletown. The last is the oldest citizen, aged 85 years, and well known to the people of the town and community. Mr. Whitlock died Thursday and will be buried this afternoon, services at his late residence and interment in Forest Cemetery.

CLAUDE BRADFORD GOFF.

Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Goff, died on Friday morning, just three months old. This is their third child death has claimed and the parents have the sympathy of their many friends. Burial this afternoon meeting at their home on West Main street, at 3 o'clock, interment at Bohemia Manor.

Do You Know

That a great many married people wonder why unmarried people want to get married.

That some married people are never happy until they find out what "papa" is going to do for them.

That you should take a guess at the 5 pound Decorated Easter Egg, first; one lb. Huyler's Chocolates, second; one lb. Decorated Egg, third; and 97 other prizes, Rabbits, Ducks, Chickens. &c, for 5 cents at Booth's who has all the novelties of the Easter season at Rice's old stand, on West Main.—GEORGE BOOTH.

That you should look out for Booth's Novelties for Easter. *Papier Mache* goods now in, also a full line of Easter Confectionery such as Rabbits, Eggs, Chickens, Pigs and Ducks.

That ladies ought to make successful auctioneers, since they are always "going," "going" before they are gone.

That fine Foreign and Domestic Fruits and Nuts; Cigars the best in the State;

That Early Spring vegetables

That Ice Cream on order in any style and form;

That catering will be done at short notice and at the lowest rates consistant; with good service. All by

GEORGE BOOTH at Rice's Old Stand.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

ODESSA NOTES.

Miss Georgia C. Enos who has been attending school in Wilmington is spending some time at home.

Mr and Mrs. William Curtis, of Newark, spent a part of last week with Mr. D. W. Corbit.

Misses Dudley and Merrick were the guest of Miss Louise Van Dyke last week.

Mr. H. Vandegrift, who has been in the south for several months, will be greeted gladly by his many friends.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church was held on last Saturday evening. The old Board of Stewards was re-elected. A resolution was adopted inviting Mr. Roberts to return as pastor the following year. Mr. V. L. Aspril, Jr., was elected Lay Delegate, and Mr. Wm. H. Noshell, alternate.

The annual election of officers of the M. E. Sunday-school was held on Thursday evening, March 5th. Mr. G. L. Townsend was elected superintendent and the remaining officers were re-elected.

The office window of Green Bros. is decorated by a fine pair of moose antlers. They were received a few days ago from Lake Winnipeg by Mr. George Green, who spent a part of last summer in that vicinity. Their weight is between 30 and 40 lbs.

Moving day will soon be at hand and some few changes will be made in Odessa. Mr. L. A. Rhodes has moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. Henry Bignear. Mr. John Green will occupy Dr. Woods property and Mr. Jeremiah Keen will remove to a farm near St. Georges.

The remains of Mr. H. H. Appleton were interred in the M. E. Cemetery on Monday. Mr. Appleton for number of years, occupied a farm near here but recently removed to Middletown where his death occured The news of his death occasioned little surprise, as he had been in very bad health for some time.

The annual missionary anniversary of the M. E. Church was held on last Sunday evening. Under the management of the superintendent, Mr. J. G. Brown, a very pleasing and instructive programme was rendered. The recitations were excellent and the class singing was especially commendable. The program was as follows: Singing, "Praise ye The Lord.' School; Prayer, Rev. E. P. Roberts; Singing, "Sing Forth His Praise," School; Recitation "Open Doors In India," Ethel Mailly; Singing; "Scattering Precious Seed," School, Recitation. "Open Doors in The Isles of the Sea," Grace Vinyard; Singing, "Because He Loved us so," Class; Recitation, "Open Doors In Japan," Maggie Stevens; Singing, "Put On The Beautiful Garments," School' Recitation, "Workers," Harry Townsend; Singing, "Work For God," School; Recitation, Open Doors in Africa," School," Nellie Long, Singing; "Praise Him," School; Recitation, "Open Doors In China," Emma Eccles; Singing, "Song of The Reapers,', Class; Address; Rev. E. P. Roberts, Singing "As We've Scattered, We Must Reap," School; Recitation, "A Plea For Mission," Louis Van Dyke; Collection: Singing, "By and By We Shall Meet," School; Benediction.

DELAWARE CITY.

Roy Keane was at home over Sunday.

Wedding rumors are floating about town.

William Anderson visited Philadelphia this week.

J. R. Pennington was in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Miss Hannah Swan visited Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Clayton Von Culin spent Monday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Edward Clark spent Monday in Wilmington.

Miss J. W. J. Marley spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Joseph Thomas, of Philadelphia, was in town this week.

William Wroth, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at Mr. Ubil's.

James Haslett, of Rochelle, N. Y., is visiting at Mrs, Brewer's.

Miss Annie Ayres visited relatives in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jester visited Philadelphia on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Higgins spent Monday in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson visited Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Bramble, of Woodstown, Md., is the guest of Miss Annie Hickey.

Norris Wilkinson spent Sunday with his parents at Kimbleville, Pa.

Rev. J. Edwin Amos attending the conference held in Baltimore this week.

Miss Laura Frempt and Mrs. Jarrell visited the Quaker City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Vail, of Dutch Neck, spent Tuesday with Mrs. George Foard.

Miss Hannah Ford, of Conn., is visiting Mrs. Miriam Carlisle at Miss A. Hickey's.

Misses Fannie and Helen Cheairs attended a dance at Swarthmore on Friday night.

Fred Morris, of Philadelphia, enjoyed a visit of a few days this week with his parents.

The Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church was held on Saturday evening. Presiding Elder L. E. Barrett presiding. Dr. Barrett also preached in the church on Sunday.

A meeting was held in the M. E. Chapel on Monday evening to elect delegates to attend the conference held in Dover next week. These delegates to elect delegates to the general conference. Delegate Peter Cleaver; alternate, Alexander Jarrell.

With regret we announce the death on Saturday of William Mullen, an old and highly esteemed resident of our town for many years; as boy and man he was well known and was a general favorite, being always gentle and kind in his demeanor. A wife and two sons survive him. The funeral took place on Tuesday. Impressive services were held in the Episcopal Church of which deceased was a member. Interment in Delaware City Cemetery. A number of friends from Wilmington attended the funeral. Among them were: William Mullen and wife, Winfield S. Quigley, F. Newkirk and wife, Mrs. Walker, Miss Bessie Foster, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Smith, William Newkirk and wife, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Davidson, New Castle.

Kelley's $4.50 For $2.50.

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TOWNSEND TOPICS.

It is expected that Rev. Albert Chandler will be returned to this charge next year.

D. B. Maloney was elected as Lay Delegate to the M. E. Conference to be held in Dover.

Quite a number have been added, during his week, to the list of those who are suffering from the grippe.

Rev. E. P. Roberts, of Odessa, a former pastor of ours, preached an able sermon here on Sunday morning.

The foundation is laid for a new creamery. It will be in charge of H. N. Smith, who expects it to be in operation by the 1s of April.

Miss Addie Reynolds and niece, and Miss Addie Hayden went to Forresdale the latter part of this week, for a visit to Mrs. James Wilson.

Mr. Harry Whiteman, of Wilmington, Grand Chief of the order of "Knights of the Golden Eagle" visited Appoquinimink Castle on Wednesday night.

The residencs of J. P. Collins of Fieldsboro was burned on Monday night. He was awakened about midnight by one of his little one's crying, and found the house was on fire. They succeeded in getting out and saving a part of their furniture. It was insured in the Kent Co. Mutual.

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Country Butter, lb	23@25c
Eggs, doz	12c
Lard, lb	9c
White Potatoes, basket	15c@20
Apples, basket	45@50c
Chickens alive	8c
" dressed	10c
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Wheat, No. 1, bus	75c
Wheat, No. 2, bus	73c
Timothy Seed, bus	2 60
Clover Seed, bus	5 50
Corn, yellow, bus	30c
Corn, cob, bus	30c
Oats, bus	18c

Of Interest .....To Farmers

SELECTING SEED POTATOES.

Varieties of potatoes, to be profitably grown, must be of recent origin. Even our newer varieties are not so productive as when first introduced. The life of any given variety has been shortened materially since the coming of the potato bug and the poisonous remedies applied for its destruction. For these reasons potatoes do not ripen perfectly.

Mark the strongest hills while growing, and select the potatoes which are best from these hills. Such seed should easily be worth thrice as much a bushel for planting as seed selected at random from a bin. If a farmer can once get started with seed of this nature it will require much less labor to fight the potato bug.

Most varieties of potatoes grown from seed will yield much heavier crops for two or three years after their introduction than they ever will again. It pays, therefore to give an extra price for seed in order to get the benefit from this vigor of the new variety before it has deteriorated.

ABOUT SEED POTATOES.

A correspondent of the "Country Gentleman" gives the following advice as to seed potatoes:

Good seed potatoes are very essential for a successful crop. What are the points of a good seed potato? If we buy them, we should procure an article that has been well wintered, such as had been kept at a temperature which retarded sprouting. A good seed potato at planting time should have the buds but slightly developed. It makes no material difference how the potatoes are wintered, such as had been kept from sprouting.

The question is frequently asked, if some in the pile, bin or barrel are frozen, whether the rest are good for seed. Here springs up again that mysterious thing in vegetable life, why a peck of potatoes in a barrel will freeze and the rest are apparently uninjured. Whether the sound potatoes in such a barrel are fit for seed depends upon circumstances. Those that are sound may endure several degrees more cold than frozen ones. If it is merely cold enough to freeze those that are frozen, the others may not be injured; but if it is several degrees colder than merely to kill the sprouts on the frozen ones, then there may be danger that the vitality of the others is injured.

We frequently see the advice given that if some are frozen in a barrel, the rest should not be used for seed. A few years ago my attention was directed to this question. A seedman received a consignment of seed potatoes from the north. During the transportation they struck a cold wave. It behooved the seedsman to open all the barrels and pick out the frozen tubers. What were uninjured grew well and made a fair yield.

Last year some of our own potatoes got too cool. Some barrels were badly frozen. Yet the sound ones produced strong healthy plants.

At a farmers' institute a potato grower said this about frozen potatoes: "If the juice from a frozen potato touches the eye of a sound potato, it will kill it." Many in the audience doubted this assertion, and inclined to the belief that this farmer's potatoes were frozen dead before the juice from the frozen potatoes touched them. But whether the juice from frozen potatoes is injurious or not, the frozen ones should be picked out soon as they soften. If a part of our seed is frozen and if we have any doubts about the vitality of the rest, place them in warmer quarters for a few weeks before planting. If they are sound, the eyes will begin to swell. Seed potatoes must not be kept too late in the spring in a dark room.

Whether cutting seed potatoes has a tendency towards deterioration, I am not ready to state. But I am satisfied that whole potatoes are preferable for a very early crop, especially with the Early Ohio. Not the largest potatoes should be planted, but those of the size of a hen's egg. We used to cut our potatoes to one eye, but the result was very unsatisfactory. The one-eye theory may do for later planting in a well prepared, fertile soil.

The reasons for using whole potatoes for early plantings are: The whole potato furnishes more nourishment to the young plant. The whole potato is less liable to rot if cold, wet weather occurs. It will endure considerable harder freezing of the ground before its vitality is injured. It will produce the first marketable tubers. It generally produces the largest crop. One year the variation with us between whole potatoes and those cut to one eye was 100 bushels per acre. The whole potatoes that year produced at the rate of 300 bushels per acre, while those cut to one eye produced 200 bushels.

THE FARM HOTBED

There Are Two Plans For Making It. Hints Concerning Its Management.

It costs so little to make and manage a hotbed large enough to raise all the plants needed that it will be found good economy to have one. One of the important items in a really good garden is to have a good supply of vegetables early. One of the easiest and best ways of doing this is to grow them in a hotbed. One good advantage in growing them over purchasing is that with a little care there is certain to be a full supply on hand when the farmer can find it most convenient to set them out.

In making a hotbed the place selected should be one that can be readily drained. There are two plans that can be followed. One is to dig a pit and put the whole bed on a level with the ground. The other is to put the bed nearly or quite above the ground. If made early, especially if the selection is one that admits of good drainage, digging a pit is rather the best, as more even temperature can be secured, and as the temperature is usually very changeable in the spring this is often quite an item.

Dig the pit 4 to 6 feet wide and as long as may be necessary. It should be 30 inches deep; then put a good layer of straw in the bottom and up the sides about two feet. Then put in the manure. This should be fresh from the horse stables. It will be better if there is a good deal of litter like straw or leaves mixed with the manure. Spread it evenly and tramp it down well so that in settling the whole bed will settle evenly. Put in about 2 feet of the manure, and over the top of this put a layer of about 4 inches of rich, loamy soil. This, with the straw, ought to bring the bed a little above the surface. Bank up around the bed with soil or set boards on edge, driving stakes to hold them in place. One side should be made higher than the other, so that when covered with boards the water will be kept out.

Cover the bed over carefully when completed and let it stand three or four days before sowing the seed. Be sure to have the soil fine. Mark it out in drills, for even in the hotbed it is more economical of space to sow the seed in drills, pressing the soil down upon the seed after covering. Whenever the sun shines out warm, open the bed, but cover closely at night and on rainy or cold, cloudy days. If it is necessary to water the plants, use water that is milk warm, and remember that one thorough wetting of the soil is more beneficial than half a dozen sprinklings. If the season is late and the bed gets cold, take a sharpened broom handle and make holes down as deep as you can, 6 to 10 inches apart, all over the bed, and fill them with scalded bran, pouring it while warm, and cover the top of each with a little earth.

If a surface bed is made, take off 4 or 5 inches of the soil, put down a layer of straw around this, set up good, wide planks, drive down stout stakes to hold the planks in place. Then put in the manure and over this a layer of soil and cover the same as before. It will be a little better if the bed is banked up some on the outside.

A bed 6 feet wide and 8 feet long will supply all the plants ordinarily needed, says the author of the foregoing, which was originally written for the St. Louis Republic.

Laying Tile.

Tile can be drawn when teams are idle, and the work can be done by the owner of the farm or his regular help. If there is any doubt about the grade and outlet, Farm and Fireside advises the employment of a surveyor. He will establish the grade, putting pegs every 100 feet, and then there is no doubt about the matter. With a breaking plow, make a furrow where the drain should be, grading the bottom of furrow as well as possible. After the first rain run the plow in the same furrow, cutting out the high places. This work saves throwing out that much earth with shovel. The earth in the bottom of furrow will not freeze hard in the winter, and not at all if snow falls, and as other work gives time the trenches can be dug and the tile laid.

Poultry Manure.

Mix the hen droppings as soon as produced with gypsum, land plaster or dry earth to prevent the escape of ammonia. As a rule, it dries out quickly and becomes a very active, soluble nitrogenous fertilizer. All this means that if it is used in liberal quantities in the hill unmixed with earth it may be so strong in nitrogen as to injure the young roots when first starting. Therefore it is always safest to drop it in the hill and mix it slightly with the earth. While it requires some considerable labor to distribute this valuable fertilizer in the hill directly where the plant is to grow very much better results will be secured by this method than would be if the droppings were broadcasted.

Saving Moisture In the Soil.

American Cultivator says: The best way to save moisture in the soil is to thoroughly underdrain it. This increases the porosity of the soil, as the drained land freezes more deeply than that which is filled with water to its surface. As it freezes the soil expands, and this enables it to hold more moisture. If the soil has been drained, subsoiling, which loosens the soil below the furrow, also increases its ability to retain moisture.

Turning Cider to Vinegar.

According to American Agriculturist, the best and easiest way to turn cider into vinegar is to put about one-fourth of its quantity of good sharp vinegar in it. Put it in a warm place and thoroughly stir the liquid once a week or oftener. The barrel should not be more than three-fourths full, and the bung-hole should be left open.

Orchard Grass With Clover.

Orchard grass goes with clover much better than timothy, though most farmers have got in the habit of seeding timothy and clover together. The orchard grass will not make a perfect sod if sown alone, as its habit is to grow in bunches and spread after the first year. When sown with clover, the latter as it dies out leaves not only room, but plant food, which the orchard grass avails itself of. Orchard grass and clover are both ready to cut together, and if cut early, as both should be, two and even three crops may be grown on rich land in a season, says American Cultivator.

Our Woman's .....Column

ECONOMY OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

ET not this idea of expense deter any man from getting married, said a few days ago a proud bridegroom who took his happy bride from Middletown; "at least not if I do draws such a prize as I have won. My wife," and with what pride he spoke the words! "is a perfect poem of domestic economy, and we live better and on less money than any of our neighbors. It only costs us ——— dollars a month for all expenses, &c," but the TRANSCRIPT cannot give away the secrets of its young friends and in continuance of the idea of household economy gives the following clipping:

A woman who looks well to the ways of her household should know how long, under ordinary circumstances certain supplies, such as tea, coffee, butter, sugar and coal, should last. It is by no means a proof of a niggardly housewife to do so, but it is her duty to herself and family to know what use is made of those articles which she provides. This duty may be done so tactfully that no maid could dream of taking offense, or in a way to antagonize. When accounts are kept—that is, when the mistress writes down in her order book the exact quantity she wishes, with the date of the order—the matter is easily managed. The housewife will do well also to keep a price list, and she can then enter the prices with the order. The practice of some marketmen of sending from one to three pounds more than the quantity ordered should be vigorously discouraged. It is a practice in some households where the marketing is done by order to detain the man who delivers fruits, vegetables and meats until it is seen if they are of good quality and in proper condition. If it is possible to do this, and supplies not up the mark are immediately returned, it is far more effective in securing good service than many protests made after accepting and disposing of tough meat or stale vegetables.

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A HEART PARTY.

Among the ways of entertaining a party of children, a "Heart Party" is a little novelty. This is how to arrange it. First, a large sheet is arranged on a door, or—if the game is to be played out of doors—on a screen on the lawn. A large heart is then cut out of red flannel and pinned on to the sheet. In the centre of the heart a small circle of white is next sewn on. Every guest is then provided with an arrow, made out of white cloth, with a pin placed in it. Each arrow bears a number corresponding to a list whereon the names and numbers of the guests have been written. The point of the game is to see which person, when blind folded, will pin the arrow nearest to the centre spot of white. Four prizes are given—one for each girl or boy who is nearest to the centre, and one each to those getting the farthest from the bull's-eye. The prizes are generally a heart-shaped pincushion and a heart-shaped photograph frame, or a heart-shaped silver pin, or a heart-shaped bonbon case. The booby prizes are a fairy holding a tiny heart with an arrow inscribed, "try, try again," and a pin cushion made of red satin, shaped like a beet.

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Miss Sara Marshall, of Georgetown, Delaware, writes of the "up-to-date housewife" in "Ladies' Every Saturday," of Feb. 29th, interestingly as follows:

"How little the average young woman thinks of the responsibilities which the household duties will bring upon her when she plights her troth to the young man of her choice. Perhaps she has never kept house for a whole week even, and knows nothing of the hygiene of cooking, nor the thousand and one things that are necessary for the successful housekeeper to know.

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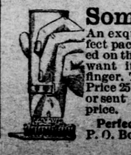

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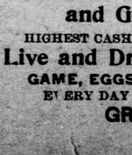

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	EXP. P. M.	PAS. A. M.	EXP. A. M.	PAS. P. M.	MAIL P. M.	MA'L P M
Philadelphia	11 16	‖7 25	‖10 20	‖2 02	‖3 46	‖5:59
Baltimore	6.45	6 25	8 50	12 05	3.00	5:27
Wilmington	12 01	8 13	11.03	2.50	4 27	6:53
Farnhurst		f 8.22		f 2 58		
New Castle		8 27		3 03		7:06
State Road		f8 33		f 3.08		f 7:11
Bear		f8.38		f 3.13		7:16
Porter		8 45			4 51	7:23
Kirkwood		8 50	a11 33	f 3.22		7:28
Mt. Pleasant		8.59		f 3.31		f 7:36
Armstrong		f 9 03				7:40
Middletown	12.44	9 08	11.49	3.40	5 16	7:46
Townsend		9 17		f 3.48	5.25	7:54
Blackbird		f 9.22		f 3.52		f 7:59
Gr'n Spring		f 9.27		f 3.58		8:05
Clayton	1.02	9 33	12 06	4.05	5.37	8:10
Smyrna, LV		9 23	11.56	3.52	5 27	8:00
Brenford		f9.38		f 4.10		8:15
Cheswold		f9.43		f 4.15		f 8:21
Dupont				f 4.18		
Dover	1.20	9.54	12.22	4.25	5 56	8:31
Wyoming	a 1.27	10.01	f12 28	4 31	6.02	8:37
Woodside		f10 08		f 4 37		
Viola		f10 12		f 4.41		
Felton	a 1.40	10 17	f12 39	4.46	6.14	
Harrington	1.50	10 32	12.53	5.02	6.24	
Farmington		f10 40	a 1.00		f 6.32	
Greenwood		f10.48	a 1.07		f 6.40	
Bridgeville	a 2 14	10.56	f 1.15		6.49	
Cannons		f11 01			f 6.54	
Seaford	2.26	11 11	1 26		7.02	
Laurel	a 2.38	11 22	f 1 36		7.13	
Delmar	2.50	11.32	1 46		7.24	
	a m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	11.08			8 05	‖2 26	‖3.45
Laurel	f 1.21			8.15	2.36	3 56
Seaford	1.34			8 29	‖2 46	4.10
Cannons				f 8.37		f 4.18
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8 43	f 2 58	4.23
Greenwood				f 8.51		f 4.30
Farmington				f 8.59		f 4:41
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9 13	3.20	4:52
Felton	2.32		8.14	9.22	f 3.30	5:01
Viola			8.18	f 9 27		f 5:05
Woodside			f8 22	f 9 31		f 5:09
Wyoming	2:44	‖7 00	f8 29	9.38	f 3 41	5:16
Dover	2.50	7 05	8.35	9 45	3.47	5:23
Dupont		f7.10				
Cheswold		f7 16		f 9.57		f 5:32
Brenford		f7.21		f10 02		f 5:36
Smyrna, LV		7.16	8 42	9 58	3 52	5:27
Clayton	3.06	7.26	8.52	10.08	4.02	5:41
Gr'n Spring		f7.30				f 5:46
Blackbird		f7.36		f10.17		f 5:52
Townsend		7.41	9 06	10 22	4.15	5:57
Middletown	3.29	7.51	9 15	10